WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- An optical communication device, comprising:
 - a printed board;
- 10 a co-axial laser diode module connected to
 the printed board;
 - a plurality of main signal leads on the co-axial laser diode module;
- an auxiliary signal lead on the co-axial laser diode module;
 - a plurality of lands provided on the printed board and connected to the main signal leads and the auxiliary signal lead;

wherein

the lands connected to the main signal leads are arranged in proximity to an end of the printed board; and

the land connected to the auxiliary signal lead is situated farther away from the end of the printed board than the lands connected to the main signal leads.

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2. The optical communication device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the land connected the auxiliary signal lead of the co-axial laser diode module is enclosed in an insulating material.

3. The optical communication device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the lands connected to the main signal leads of the co-axial laser diode module are enclosed in the insulating material except for their sides at the end of the printed board.

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4. The optical communication device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the co-axial laser diode module is arranged so that positions of the main signal leads on the co-axial laser diode module are closer to the printed board than a position of said auxiliary signal lead on the co-axial laser diode module.

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5. The optical communication device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the co-axial laser diode module is arranged so that the positions of the main signal leads on the co-axial laser diode module are in proximity of the printed board.

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6. The optical communication device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of main signal leads of the co-axial laser diode module is set at a common potential, and is commonly used by the main signals and the auxiliary signal.